

# 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)      DECEMBER 21, 2025

PRELUDE: Six Advent Improvisations (1990): "The Angel Gabriel" (GABRIEL'S MESSAGE)  
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

## INTRODUCTORY RITE

GATHERING: *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

GENEVA

Ritual Song Hymnal #497

PENITENTIAL ACT (FORM B): *Mass of Remembrance*

Haugen

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

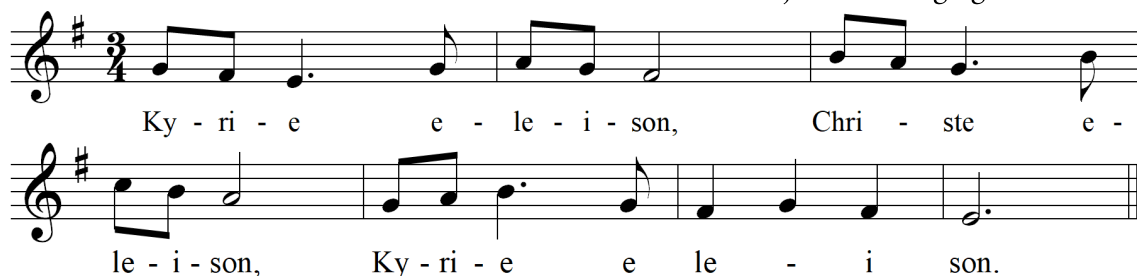
R/. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R/. And grant us your salvation.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and brings us to everlasting life.

\*The cantor shall first intone, with introduction, then enjoin the congregation.\*



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COLLECT

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

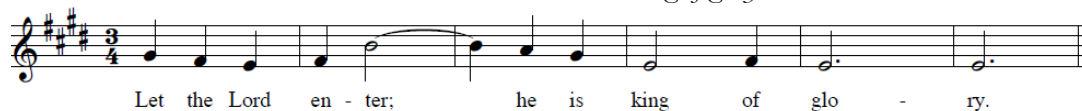
FIRST READING:

Isaiah 7:10-14

*Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us".*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 24 *Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory*

Guimont



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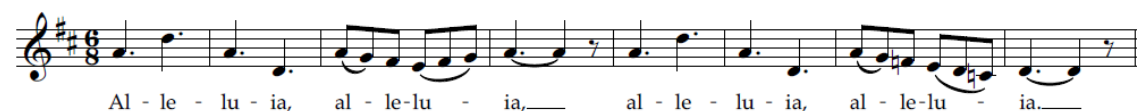
SECOND READING:

Romans 1:1-7

*Jesus is Emmanuel, risen from the dead.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco



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GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 1:18-24

*Indeed, Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us".*

HOMILY

Fr. Paul Ruwe

NICENE CREED

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS: *Te rogamos, óyenos. Lord, hear our prayer.*

Kolar

\*The cantor shall present the first intercession, with brief introduction, then enjoin the congregation for the following refrain.\*



Te - ro - ga-mos, o - ye - nos. Lord, hear our prayer.

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION (all as needed): *On Jordan's Bank*

WINCHESTER NEW

Ritual Song Hymnal #503

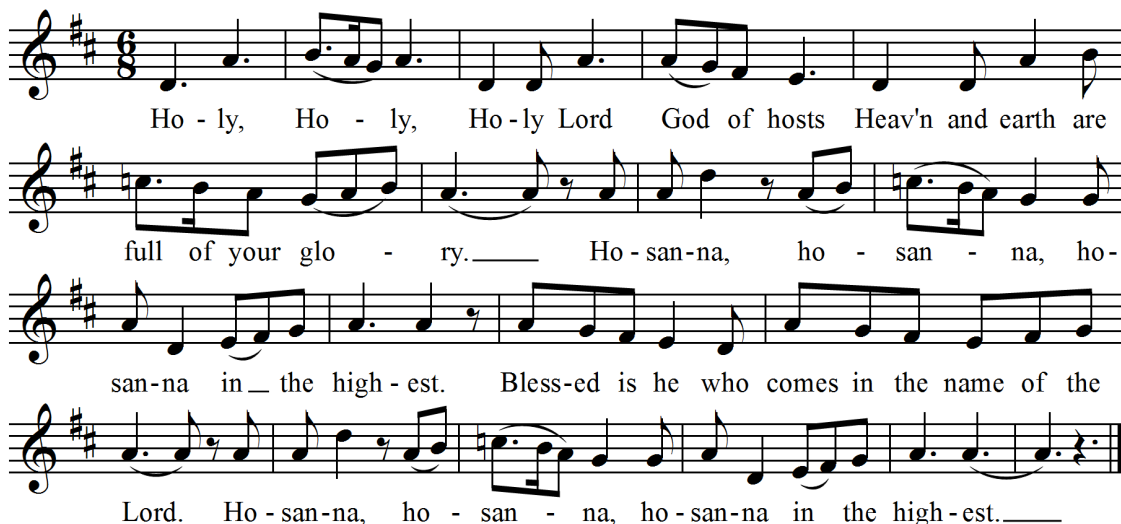
(11:15): *Now Is the Hour of Rejoicing* (2022)

Curtis Stephan

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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## GREAT AMEN: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco



A - men, a - men, a - - - men. a - - - men.

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## COMMUNION RITE

### LAMB OF GOD: *Mass of Redemption*

Janco


*Cantor, All repeat*



Have mer - cy on us,

### Last time

*Cantor, All repeat*



Grant us peace.

*Cantor, All repeat*



Grant us peace.

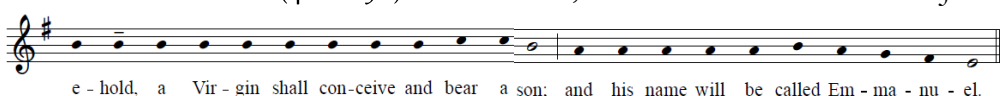
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## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4 & 8:30): Ps. 29:10-11; Ps. 28

Johnson

CO. I

**B**



e - hold, a Vir - gin shall con-ceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Em - ma - nu - el.

Vs 1: O Lord, you have favored your land, and brought back the captives of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of your people, and covered all their sins. R./

Vs 2: Bring us back, O God, our savior! Put an end to your grievance against us. Will you be angry with us for ever? Will your anger last from age to age?

Glorify be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit...Amen. *R./*

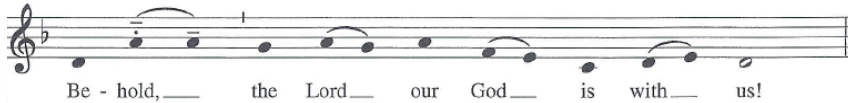
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(11:15): Isaiah 7:14; Ps. 19:2-9

Kelly

Cantor/Choir: Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

*Congregational Refrain (R./)*



Vs 1: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims this work of his hands. Day unto day conveys the message, and night unto night imparts the knowledge. *R./*

Vs 2: No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded; their sound goes forth through all the earth, their message to the utmost bounds of the world. *R./*

Vs 3: There he has placed a tent for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent, rejoices like a champion to run his course. *R./*

Vs 4: At one end of the heavens is the rising of the sun; to its furthest end it runs its course. There is nothing concealed from its burning heat. *R./*

Vs 5: The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. *R./*

Vs 6: The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear; it gives light to the eyes. *R./*

Cantor/Choir: Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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COMMUNION: *Gift of God*

Haugen

Ritual Song Hymnal #516, Advent Refrain & Advent Stanzas

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

Ritual Song Hymnal #492, Stanzas 5-7

POSTLUDE: *Creator of the Stars of Night* (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM)(2024) Paul Fejko (b. 1957)

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